## CTF - KOA COMMANDER'S SITREP TIME PERIOD ENDING: 262359 (Z) JULY 05

1. <u>COMMANDER'S SITREP</u>: TOTAL NUMBER OF PATROLS AND NUMBER OF JOINT PATROLS CONDUCTED WITH AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY (ANA), AFGHAN NATIONAL POLICE (ANP), AFGHAN SECURITY FORCES (ASF), AND AFGHAN BORDER POLICE (ABP).

	ECHO	FOX	GOLF	WEAPONS	H&S	TOTAL
US ONLY	0	0	0	4	2	6
W/ANA	1	0	0	0	0	1
W/ANP	1	0	5	5	0	11
W/ASF	3	0	0	0	0	3
W/AMF	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	0	5	9	2	21

- 2. ENEMY ATTACKS ON ANA, ANP, AND ASF PERSONNEL, GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND KEY INFRASTRUCTURE: N/A.
- 3. CURRENT, ONGOING, AND PROJECTED OPERATIONS: THE BATTALION CONTINUES TO FOCUS OPERATIONS IN AREAS IDENTIFIED AS SECURITY CONCERNS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION THUNDER FREEDOM AND OPERATION DETERMINED THUNDER RESOLVE. THE BATTALION ALSO HAS ONGOING OPERATIONS IN THE KORENGAL AND PECH VALLEYS, DAWLET SHAH AND ALISHANG VALLEYS. CTF KOA FORCES CONTINUE PATROLLING OPERATIONS IN THE KORENGAL VALLEY, KUNAR PROVINCE ISO OPERATION RED WINGS II. CTF KOA HAS SHIFTED ITS PLANNING FOCUS TO THE UPCOMING ELECTION AND A BATTALION (-) SIZE OPERATION IN THE KUNAR PROVINCE.
- ${ t H&S CO:}$  CONDUCTED PERIMETER SECURITY, WHILE EXECUTING A VCP ON HWY 1. CONCLUDED PATROLS IOT DETERMINE POO/POI FROM THE ROCKET ATTACK ON JALAL ABAD AIRFIELD.
- <u>ECHO CO</u>: E1 CONTINUED TO PROVIDE A PRESENCE IN THE KORENGAL VALLEY. ECHO CAAT B PROVIDED SITE SECURITY AROUND THE EXTRACTION LZ AND IED SITE IOT SUPPORT ROUTE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS.
- FOX CO: FOX COMPANY CONDUCTED A MAINTENANCE STAND DOWN TO REST AND REFIT THEIR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.
- GOLF CO: GOLF 3 CONTINUES TO CONDUCT THEIR SECURITY PATROL TO THE SHINWAR, MUMAND DARA, DU BABA, AND NAZYAN DISTRICT CENTERS, NANGARHAR PROVINCE IOT ALLOW CIVIL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES, AND USAID TO CONDUCT ASSESSMENTS OF THE DISTRICTS. WHILE IN THE NAZYAN DISTRICT, NANGARHAR PROVINCE THE ANP POLICE CHIEF TURNED OVER A UXO CACHE. TASK FORCE KOA IS COORDINATING THE MOVEMENT OF EOD TO THAT LOCATION.
- WHISKEY CO: W CO- 1ST PLT CONDUCTED JOINT MOUNTED AND DISMOUNTED PATROLS IN JALAL ABAD DISTRICT, NANGARHAR PROVINCE. 2ND PLT CONDUCTED A MOUNTED PATROL ON THE JALAL ABAD-KABUL ROAD CHECKING THE VCPS ALONG THE ROAD, FOUND BOULDERS ACROSS THE ROAD STOPPING TRAFFIC ENROUTE TO KABUL. 3RD PLT CONDUCTED MOUNTED AND DISMOUNTED PATROLS ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF A WEAPONS CACHE ISO OPERATION DETERMINED HARVEST, NSTR.

### 4. ASSESSMENT OF LAST 24HRS.

YESTERDAY MAY MARK THE REAL BEGINNING OF PRE-ELECTION VIOLENCE IN NANGARHAR. THE KINETIC FIGHT WILL GET MORE INTENSE IN KONAR AND WILL LIKELY DO SO WITHIN

NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. WE SHOULD EXPECT THE RESUMPTION OF TICS/AMBUSHES AGAINST PATROLS THIS WEEK.

- 5. ASSESSMENT OF MAJOR EVENTS OR FIGURES/ORGANIZATIONS AND HOW YOUR OPERATIONS IMPACT OR ARE IMPACTED BY THEM. THIS IS THE FIRST ROCKET ATTACK AGAINST JAF SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF 2/3 IN EARLY JUNE. ALTHOUGH THE ILLUMINATION IS DECREASING, WE CAN LIKELY EXPECT AN INCREASE IN FREQUENCY AND VARIETY OF ATTACKS ON ALL FOBS AS WE APPROACH THE ELECTIONS.
- **6.** ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ATTITUDE OF THE POPULATION. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE NOTED IN ANY PROVINCE. AN INCREASE IN ACM ACTIVITY COULD SWAY PUBLIC OPINION EITHER WAY, AS IT MAY CAUSE DEATH OF LOCAL NATIONALS OR DESTRUCTION OF THEIR PROPERTY.

# 7. CURRENT OR FORECASTED CRITICAL SHORTFALLS AND WHAT ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED OR REQUESTED.

- 7. A. SUPPORT IS REQUESTED IOT IMPROVE THE OPERATIONAL REACH OF TF KOA ALONG THE PECH RIVER ROAD. THE ASAD ABAD PRT AND TF KOA CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
- FORCE PROTECTION
- JINGLE TRUCK TRACKING
- IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ABAD TO BLESSING ROAD.
- UPDATE TO THE PEACE PAPERS

### 8. ASSESSMENT OF NEXT 24-96 HRS:

- 24 (27 JUL 05): H&S CONTINUES THEIR SECURITY MISSION WITH LOCAL PATROLS IOT SECURE THE AREA AROUND JALAL ABAD AIR FIELD WHILE CONTINUING FORCE PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOB. GOLF 1 WILL CONDUCT MISSION PLANNING FOR ELECTION POLLING SITE ASSESSMENTS IN HISARAK, NANGARHAR PROVINCE. GOLF 3 WILL CONDUCT AREA RECON IN NAZYAN AND DUR BABA VIC OF HABIB ZAI, NANGARHAR PROVINCE. GOLF 6 WILL ATTEND PROVINCIAL SECURITY MEETING AT POLICE HOS. FOX 7 WILL DEPART TO JAF TO DROP OFF BFT CONTACT TEAM AND PICK UP MAIL. FOX L WILL CONDUCT FINAL REHEARSALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR A 1700 DEPARTURE ON 27 JULY. FOX 3 WILL CONDUCT MISSION PLANNING AND REHEARSALS FOR A COMPANY OPERATION TO BE EXECUTED ON 29, 30 AND 31 JULY. WHISKEY 1 WILL CONDUCT MOUNTED/DISMOUNTED SECURITY PATROLS IN JALAL ABAD DISTRICT. WHISKEY 3 WILL CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS IN THE QARGHAYL DISTRICT, NANGARHAR PROVINCE IN ADDITION TO CONDUCTING POLLING SITE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. WHISKEY 4 WILL CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS IN THE JALAL ABAD DISTRICT IN ADDITION TO CONDUCTING POLLING SITE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. KOA 6 WILL DEPART TO JAF. ECHO 2 WILL MOVE SOUTH OF THE PECH RIVER IOT PREVENT ANY IED ACTIVITY IN THE AREA FOR SEVERAL DAYS, E3 WILL CONTINUE DOING SECURITY FOR THE FOB, THE DAMAGED HMMWV WILL BE RETURNED TO ASAD ABAD VIA JINGLE TRUCK ESCORTED BY THE ANP DISTRICT CHIEF. NDS MEETING BETWEEN KOA 6 AND THE NDS CHIEF IS ARRANGED FOR THE MORNING OF 27 JULY 2005.
- 48 (28 JUL 05): H&S CONTINUES THEIR SECURITY MISSION WITH LOCAL PATROLS IOT SECURE THE AREA AROUND JALAL ABAD AIR FIELD WHILE CONTINUING FORCE PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOB. IN THE MORNING THEY WILL CONDUCT A MEDCAP ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE COMPOUND IOT ENGENDER LOCAL SUPPORT, GENERATE POSITIVE IO, AND DEVELOP INTELLIGENCE. FOX COMPANY CONDUCTS PATROLLING IN SUPPORT OF FUTURE COMPANY PLANS. WHISKEY, ECHO AND GOLF COMPANIES CONDUCT SECURITY AND RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS IN THE VICINITY OF THE POLLING SITES WITHIN THEIR BATTLESPACES' IOT GATHER INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY THREATS TO THE POLLING SITES. ECHO CO CONTINUES COMBINED PATROLLING OPERATIONS VIC KORENGAL VALLEY IOT DISRUPT ACM ACTIVITY, ADDITIONALLY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE THE IED INCIDENT IOT DEVELOP THE INTELLIGENCE PICTURE. KOA STAFF CONTINUES PLANNING FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. BATTALION SUPPORTS MCS-LIGHT AND BFT UPGRADES AT ALL FOBS.

- 72 (29 JUL 05): GOLF, WHISKEY, FOX AND ECHO COMPANIES CONTINUE PATROLS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT BATTALION ISR PLAN IOT PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE PLANNING OF POLLING SITE SECURITY. ECHO CO CONTINUES COMBINED PATROLLING OPERATIONS VIC KORENGAL VALLEY IOT DISRUPT ACM ACTIVITY. KOA STAFF CONTINUES PLANNING FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. BATTALION SUPPORTS MCS-LIGHT AND BFT UPGRADES AT ALL THE FOBS.
- 96 (30 JUL 05): ALL COMPANIES CONTINUE PATROLS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT BATTALION ISR PLAN IOT PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE PLANNING OF POLLING SITE SECURITY. ECHO CO CONTINUES COMBINED PATROLLING OPERATIONS VIC KORENGAL VALLEY IOT DISRUPT ACM ACTIVITY. KOA STAFF CONTINUES PLANNING FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

FUTURE: CONTINUE TO DEVELOP INTELLIGENCE PICTURE ON AREAS NORTH AND WEST OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE PECH AND KUNAR RIVERS IOT TO DEVELOP FUTURE BATTALION OPERATIONS. THIS WILL GO CONCURRENTLY WITH THE COMPANY'S RECONNAISSANCE OF THE POLLING STATIONS, CONSTRUCTION OF PCCS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTION SECURITY PLANS. THE BATTALION WILL PROVIDE A BACK BRIEF ON CACHE RECOVERY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DETERMINED HARVEST AND HAS ALREADY BEGUN RECOVERY OPERATIONS.

INFORMATION OPERATIONS/PEACE PAPERS: WE WOULD LIKE THE MORE UPDATED ISSUES OF THE PEACE PAPERS AND ARE AWAITING THEIR ARRIVAL.

9. ANA: 1/1/201 KANDAK: 1ST CO PROVIDED FORCE PROTECTION IN NARAI DISTRICT KUNAR PROVINCE. (NO ETT'S PRESENT). 2ND CO, WPNS CO AND HHC, WHO ARE AT ASAD ABAD FOB, PROVIDED FORCE PROTECTION. 3RD CO PROVIDED FORCE PROTECTION AT JALAL ABAD, AND GUARDED HEAVY WEAPONS CANTONMENT AREA AND QRF. FINISHED PAY OPERATIONS AT JALAL ABAD. WPNS CO 1/1/201 WILL PROVIDE FORCE PROTECTION FOR THE MEHTAR LAM FOB. ETT'S RTB JULIEN TO POSITION ONE SOLDIER FOR LEAVE.

#### 10. PERSONNEL:

(62 OF THE 1053 REPORTED ARE U.S. ARMY ATTACHMENTS)

 OFFICER
 ENLISTED
 TOTAL

 59
 992
 1053

### 11. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

DIPLOMATIC: KOA 6 COORDINATED FOR A MEETING WITH THE NDS CHIEF AND ODA REPS FOR KONAR. EXSUM OF THAT MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED VIA SEPCOR. KOA 6 WILL ASK FOR NDS AND OGA SUPPORT TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ACM ELEMENTS. TF KOA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH GOV WAFA'S STAFF IN ORDER TO SET AN APPOINTMENT WITH GOVERNOR WAFFA WHEN HE TRANSITS THROUGH JALAL ABAD WHEN RETURNING FROM KABUL. THE NANGARHAR REGIONAL SECURITY MEETING WAS HELD ON 26JUL05. GEN ZIAI, ANP PROVINCE CHIEF, TASKED THE DISTRICT POLICE CHIEFS FROM RODAT AND CHAPARHAR TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY REPORT CONCERNING WHAT THEY HAD UNCOVERED RELATING TO THE 26JUL05 ROCKET ATTACK TO HIM BY COB 27JUL05. TF KOA WILL REQUEST A COPY AND COORDINATE WITH THE DISTRICT CHIEFS FOR SHARING OF INFORMATION. THE POLICE SUSPECT THE PERPETRATORS ORIGINATED FROM THE NAS MUJIHAD FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE DISTRICT OF CHAPARHAR. INDIVIDUALS FROM THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WERE INVOLVED IN PREVIOUS ROCKET ATTACKS IN JALAL ABAD IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR WERE NOT APPREHENDED. AFGHANISTAN HEAD OF THE BORDER POLICE WILL BE IN JALAL ABAD ON 30 JUL 95. THERE WILL BE A COORDINATION MEETING AT THE PRT BETWEEN COALITION FORCES AND THE HEADS OF ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED IN ROADSIDE CHECKPOINTS FOR DECONFLICTION AND THE WAY AHEAD IOT FIX THE FUEL TRUCK SITUATION IN THE PROVINCE.

N: ESTS AN OPERATIONAL LEVEL IO CAMPAIGN PLAN AGAINST

ACTIVITIES CLEARLY PAINT AN ENEMY THAT IS FLEXIBLE

UCCESS WITHOUT TF KOA BEING ABLE TO MITIGATE HIS IO

CAMPAIGN PLAN.

MILITARY: KOA 6 RETURNS FROM THE PROVINCE OF KONAR TO FOB JAF. CEXC PERSONNEL CONDUCTED SSE OF THE IED AND THE PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATE THAT THE IED WAS COMMAND-DETONATED WITH A LONG RANGE CORDLESS TELEPHONE AND

BETWEEN 20 AND 30 POUNDS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE BURIED IN THE ROAD. ASAD ABAD PRT, ECHO CO AND KOA 4 CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE PORTION OF THE ROAD THAT WAS BLOCKED ENROUTE TO CAMP BLESSING AND WERE ABLE TO REOPEN IT WITH THE SUPPORT OF A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. GOLF AND WHISKEY COMPANIES CONTINUE TO PATROL IN NANGARHAR IOT DEVELOP THE ANA AND ANP'S CAPABILITIES WHILE FOCUSING ON THE DISRUPTION OF ILLEGAL VCPs ALONG HIGHWAY A1.

12. OPERATIONAL REMINDER: COMMANDER'S MUST KEEP THE ENEMY IN THE FORE FRONT OF YOUR MIND AT EVERY TURN. DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO LOOK AT THE GEAR AND TROOPS WHILE YOU FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION OF FINDING AND FIXING THE ENEMY. ANTICIPATE HIS ACTIONS AND MOVE TO ARRIVE BEFORE HE DOES.

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